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Subject: Construction Training

Applicability: GUIDANCE

- To encourage participation at PROSPECT construction management training courses.
- BACKGROUND. There has been some discussion concerning whether or not our 802 and 809 personnel should be trained in the mandatory Defense Acquisition University (DAU) courses in order that they might meet Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) requirements. A corporate decision was made that since 802's and 809's would not become ACO's it would not be in the best interest of the Corps or the individual to fully encumber those positions with mandatory DAWIA requirements. Rather, it is strongly held that some of the best applicable training for our 0802 (Civil Engineering Technicians), 0809 (Construction Representatives) and 1102 (Contracting) workforce is through our practitioner taught PROSPECT program.
- A process action team (PAT) comprised of procuring contracting officers (PCO), administrative contracting officers (ACO) and headquarters representatives from contracting and construction met in Washington, DC during 3-5 May 1995. One of the recommendations made by the PAT and endorsed by HQUSACE was to publicize and encourage construction management training for our series 802, 809, and 1102 personnel in the PROSPECT program. Some of the cornerstone courses highlighted were Construction Contract Administration (CCA), Estimating Construction Contract Modifications (ECCM) and Negotiating Construction Contract Modifications (NCCM). Now that the "bow wave" of DAWIA mandatory training has passed and those acquisition workforce members in the 800 series are receiving full DAU financial support it is time to refocus our attention on Corps sponsored training.

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4. This Construction Bulletin was coordinated with the following HQUSACE organizations: Office of the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (CEPR-ZA) and the Directorate of Human Resources Planning and Development Division (CEHR-H).

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